

Arrests for 12 Involved in Moscow Cemetery Brawl

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A man, who was detained following a mass brawl, addresses an Interior Ministry officer near the Khovanskoye cemetery in southwest Moscow, Russia, May 14, 2016.

Moscow's Presnensky district court has issued an arrest warrant for 12 participants in a mass brawl that erupted Saturday at the city's Khovanskoye Cemetery, the Meduza news agency reported Tuesday.

The detainees will remain in custody until July 14.

The detention of the cemetery's former director Yury Chabuyev — currently awaiting sentencing — was prolonged by 72 hours, during which investigators are expected to provide additional materials on the case.

Investigators believe that financial motives were behind the brawl that left three people dead and more than 30 injured. All victims were hospitalized and three people remain in intensive care.

Most of the brawl participants were migrants from the North Caucasus and Central Asia, Meduza reported.

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